

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session on Monday, March 19, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Linder opened in prayer. Judge Link then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were: Bernard Mardis-Cable TV, James Perkins and Rick Willoby-Director of Grant County Emergency Management Services.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the March 05, 2007, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and L.G.E.A. Fund for the month of March, 2007, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He then asked if there were any questions. Judge Link informed the Court that he had told the Road Department to put the new signs up on telephone poles whenever possible, rather than the metal poles, so that it will be harder for anyone to remove them.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-1117 thru 01-1163 in the amount of \$24,797.76 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-290 thru 02-307 in the amount of \$13,557.82 paid out of the Road Fund; Claims No. 03-413 thru 03-440 in the amount of \$75,488.24 paid out of

the Jail Fund, and Claim No. 04-0000016 in the amount of \$500.00 paid out of the L.G.E.A. Fund, for the month of March 2007, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 02-2007-602 relating to the Annual Increase of Salaries of Certain Elected Personnel as Provided by KRS 64.527, KRS 64.5275 and KRS 64.530, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 02-2007-602 relating to the Annual Increase of Salaries of Certain Elected Personnel as Provided by KRS 64.527, KRS 64.5275 and KRS 64.530, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Bids received for the Purchase of a Side Scan Sonar for the Grant County Emergency Management Services. Only one was received. It is as follows: (1) Marine Sonic Technology in the amount of \$36,600.00 for a Complete “Centurion” Splash Proof System 900/1800 khz tow-fish, with add on of Hand Reel-200 for \$2,095.00, Video Output for \$500.00 and On-site Training 2 Eight hour days for \$3,500.00. It is as follows: Rick Willoby-Director of Grant County Emergency

Management Services reviewed the bid. Discussion was held. The bid did include five hours of factory training which would have to be done at the factory in White Marsh, Virginia. The On-site Training for 2 - 8 hour days would also be at their factory but the costs for two men to go there for the training would have to be borne by the county. Discussion was held on whether to add on the additional equipment-the Hand Reel and the Video Output and where the additional funds would come from to pay for them. Discussion was held on whether to purchase the Side Scan Sonar at this time and then wait for a new fiscal year budget to purchase the Hand Reel and the Video Output. This fiscal year budget only has \$35,000.00 in the budget for this equipment, and the balance would have to come from other line items in the D.E.S. budget or from somewhere in the overall county budget. Rick Willoby mentioned that he might talk with the Williamstown Volunteer Fire Department to see if they had any funds that could be allocated towards this purchase. Rick Willoby suggested that the Court accept the bid of \$36,600.00 along with the Hand Reel for \$2,095.00 and the Video Output for \$500.00 making a total of \$39,195.00, and said that he could send two men to take the five hour training and they could then come back and train the other D.E.S. members, and perhaps they can get some training from Boone County as they also have this equipment. More general discussion was held. Magistrate Young felt that we needed to purchase the Hand Reel and Video Output as well as the Complete System.

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by                      it is hereby ordered to accept the bid of Marine Sonic Technology for the purchase of a Side Scan Sonar (Complete "Centurion" Splash Proof System 900/1800khz tow-fish) for the Grant County Emergency Management Services in the amount of \$36,600.00 as presented, along with

the Hand Reel-200 for \$2,095.00 and the Video Output for \$500.00.

**No second was made. Died for the lack of a Second.**

More discussion was held. The total cost for the System and the additional equipment would be \$39,195.00 excluding the On-site Training 2 eight hour days for \$3,500.00

Again discussion was held on where the additional funds would come from.

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ it is hereby ordered to accept the Bid of Marine Sonic Technology, Ltd., of \$36,600.00 only for the Side Scan Sonar (Complete “Centurion” Splash Proof System 900/1800khz tow-fish).

**No second was made. Died for the lack of a Second.**

More discussion was held and the Court decided they needed some more information and requested Rick Willoby to take a look at his present budget and see where the difference in funds could be derived from and to also check on some other information and to come back to the next Caucus meeting and update the Court on his findings. Discussion was held on the timetable for ordering, receiving and training and if this could be done before the Boat Season opens. Rick Willoby stated that it would take 6-8 weeks to get the System once the Court made a decision, but felt that it could all be done before the Boat Season opens. He will obtain the information required and be at the next Caucus meeting with the information.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to table making a decision on the Bid received from Marine Sonic Technology Ltd. for the purchase of a Side Scan Sonar for the Grant County Emergency Services until further information is received on the Hand Reel and the On-site Training and discussed at the next Caucus Meeting scheduled for March 26, 2007, at 5:30 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Position Report for February, 2007. No action is required. It is as follows:

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Judge Link announced that Open discussion for the "Good of the County" would be at this time and said that anyone who wanted to address the Court could do so. Judge Link updated that he is beginning to work on the upcoming fiscal year budget and stated that if the Court had anything to include in the budget to let him know. He stated that he is in the process of doing employee evaluations and only has three to go in order to consider the merit raises and other variables that go along with it. He stated that the first part of the budget the Court will receive for review is the Jail Fund Budget. He said it has to be submitted to the Court by April 01<sup>st</sup>. He explained that the Court only has to review it at that time. They will look at the revenues and the expenditures and see if anything has to be included from other revenues. Once the Court is satisfied with it, it is then incorporated into the overall county budget for the Court to review. He said we try to have the full budget done and approved before June 20<sup>th</sup> so the Court does not have to sit in Jail because they don't have a budget in place for the new fiscal year. He also updated on the Fitness Program that has just begun and on the number of signups that Tabatha has obtained. He said that Tabatha has worked very hard and he is very happy with the outcome of this program so far. He also gave a general update on the various agencies and persons throughout the county who are participating and helping out on this program. He said that over 400 people have signed up. People are very health conscious and want

to improve on their nutrition and health problems. He said that hopefully we will be an example all over the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that there will be a Caucus meeting at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, March 26, 2007, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, April 02, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, April 02, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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GRANT COUNTY JUDGE/EXECUTIVE